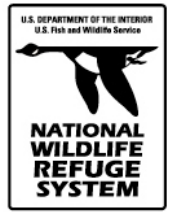


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National Wildlife Refuge System



Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge

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Trempealeau NWR to Offer a Special Waterfowl Hunt for Persons With Disabilities

Trempealeau, WI - The Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge will once again offer a special waterfowl hunt for hunters with disabilities. The special weekend hunt is scheduled for October 14 & 15.

All applicants **must have** a Wisconsin Class A or C Disabled Hunting Permit, a Wisconsin issued hunting license, and the State & Federal Duck Stamps to participate in the hunt. This hunt is limited to 14 participants. If more than 14 applications are received by the deadline (September 5), then a random drawing will be held. Those not selected for the weekend hunt may select two days of hunting from the weekday hunt scheduled for October 17-19 or October 24-26.

Permit applications are available at the refuge office or may be downloaded on-line at www.fws.gov/midwest/trempealeau. Applications for the special waterfowl hunt must be returned no later than September 5, 2006.

Interested hunters may contact Trempealeau NWR for more information or to request an application by calling 608/539-2311 (TTY users may call via the Wisconsin State Relay Service at 1-800-947-3529). To request an application by mail, write to Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, Wisconsin 54661 or contact us via e-mail at trempealeau@fws.gov

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1936, lies within the Mississippi River flyway. This 6,226-acre Refuge contains rolling prairies, rich wetlands and bottomland forests, which support a variety of wildlife species. It is an isolated backwater, providing needed resting and feeding areas for waterfowl and other birds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.